

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA  
LAKE CHARLES DIVISION

DOUGLAS MATE; CHRISTOPHER BAKER; and  
FIREARMS POLICY COALITION, INC.,

PLAINTIFFS,

v.

GARY WESTCOTT, in his official capacity as  
Secretary of the Louisiana Department of  
Public Safety and Corrections; and LIZ  
MURRILL, in her official capacity as Louisiana  
Attorney General,

DEFENDANTS,

CIVIL ACTION NO. 2:24-cv-01780-JDC-TPL

**JOINT MOTION TO HOLD CASE IN ABEYANCE**

Plaintiffs and Defendants jointly move this Court to hold this case in abeyance until the Louisiana Legislature adjourns in June 2025. The reason for this request is that the Louisiana Legislature is currently considering legislation that may substantially impact this case. *See* H.B. 407, [tinyurl.com/3ahkanxy](http://tinyurl.com/3ahkanxy). Accordingly, the parties agree that it would be most efficient to (a) allow the legislative and gubernatorial review of H.B. 407 to run its course and (b) order the parties to provide a joint status report within seven days of the Legislature's adjournment, including recommendations on whether or how this case should proceed. Accordingly, the parties respectfully request that this Court hold the case in abeyance until the Legislature adjourns in June 2025, and direct the parties to submit a joint status report within seven days of the adjournment.

Dated: May 16, 2025

Respectfully,

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